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In re Application of: Xu et al.

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AMENDMENT FEE TRANSMITTAL

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P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment for the above-identified application in response to the Advisory Action mailed **October 27, 2004**.

It is respectfully requested that the time for response to the Advisory Action be extended for a period of 2 months from **October 7, 2004** to **December 6, 2004**. The required fee for the extension is estimated to be **\$420.00**. An extension for 1 month has already been secured and the fee paid therefor of \$ 110.00 is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested. The fee for this extension (\$ 420.00), minus the fee previously paid (\$ 110.00) equals \$ 310.00 (total fee due).

No additional claims fee is required.

Please charge the required extension and claims fees, estimated to be **\$310.00**, to Novozymes North America, Inc., Deposit Account No. 50-1701. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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This communication is in response to the Advisory Action dated October 27, 2004. Claims 1, 2, 4-8, 10-14, 16, 17, 20, 22, 24, 25, 35, and 39-43 are pending in the present application.

It is respectfully submitted that the present amendment presents no new issues or new matter and places this case in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the application in view of the following remarks is requested.

I. The Rejection of Claims 1, 2, 4-8, 10, 11, 14, 16, 17, 20, 22, 24, 25, 35, and 39-43 under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1, 2, 4-8, 10, 11, 14, 16, 17, 20, 22, 24, 25, 35, and 39-43 remain rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yamashita (U.S. Patent No. 5,312,631) in view of Fan *et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 4,503,127) for the reasons of record. The Advisory Action states: "[T]he origin of the pectinase enzyme is irrelevant as long as the enzyme is present during treatment of the potatoes." This rejection is respectfully traversed for the reasons of record and for additional reasons discussed below.

The Office Action argues that Fan *et al.* supports an exogenous enzyme, viz. pectin